



BY THE KING.

¶ A Proclamation of His Majesties Grace, Favour, and Pardon, to the Inhabitants of His County of Gloucester.

¶ H E R E A S We have taken notice that by the malice , Industry and Importunity of severall ill affected and seditious persons in Our County of Gloucester, very many of Our weake and seduced Subjects of that Our County have not only been drawne to excise the *Militia*, under colour of a pretended Ordinance, without and against Our Consent (a Crime of a very high nature, if We would strictly enquire thereinto) but have made Contributions of Plate, Money and Horses , towards the maintenance of the Army now in Rebellion against Vs; We doe hereby publish and declare, That We are graciously pleased to attribute the Crimes and Offences of Our said Subjects of that County to the power and Faction of their seducers, Who, We beleeve by Threates, Menaces, and false Informations compelled and led them into these actions of undutifullnesse and disloyalty towards Vs; And We doe therefore hereby offer Our free and gracious Pardon to all the Inhabitants of Our said County of Gloucester, for all Offences concerning the premises committed against Vs before the publishing of this Our Proclamation (except Sir Robert Cooke, William Cooke Esq. Nathaniell Stephens Esq. Thomas Purry, Thomas Hedges, and Jeremy Buck,) against all which We shall proceed according to the Rules of the Law, as against Traitors and Stirrers of sedition against Vs, And whom We doe heereby require all Our Officers and Ministers of Justice , and all Our loving Subjects whatsoever , to apprehend and cause to be kept in safe Custody till Our Pleasure be further knowne. Provided that this Our Grace shall not extend to any Person, who after the publishing this Our Proclamation shall presume by Loane or Contribution to assist the said Army of Rebels, to assemble and Muster themselves in Armes without Authority derived from Vs under Our Hand , to enter into any Oath of Association for opposing Vs and Our Army , or to succour or entertaine any of the Persons excepted in this Our Proclamation, or in Our Declaration of the 12 of August. But We must and doe declare, That whosoever shall hence forward be guilty of the premises, or of either of them, shall be esteemed by Us as an Enemy to the publick Peace, a Person disaffected to Vs, and to the Religion and Law of the Kingdome , and shall accordingly receive condigne punishment , of which We give them timely notice, that they may proceed accordingly at their perills.

¶ Given at Our Court at Oxford, the third day of November, in the
Eighteenth yeare of Our Reigne.

God save the King.